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POPULATON OF SC/ST
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total population of Scheduled Castes ands Scheduled Tribes in India according to census 2001;

(b) the percentage of the population of SC and ST to the total population in India as per last census; and

(c) the percentage of reservations in Government services as on April 1,2002 for SC and ST?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) The total population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in India is not yet available as per Census of India 2001.

(b) The percentage of the population of SC and ST to the total population in India (excluding Jammu & Kashmir) as per 1991 Census was 16.48 and 8.08 respectively.

(c) At present, percentage of reservations in direct recruitment on all India basis by open competition for SCs and STs is 15 and 7.5 respectively. In case of direct recruitment on all India basis, otherwise than by open competition, reservation for SCs and STs is 16.66% and 7.5% respectively. In case of direct recruitment to Group C and D posts, which normally attract candidates from a locality or a region, percentage of reservation for SCs and STs is generally fixed in proportion to the population of SCs and STs in the respective States/UTs. Reservation in promotion by non-selection method is available to SCs and STs in all groups of services viz. A, B, C and D at the rate of 15% and 7.5% respectively. In case of Promotion by selection method reservation to SCs/STs is available upto lowest rung of group A at the same percentages. In promotion by selection to posts within group A which carry an ultimate salary of Rs. 5700

(pre-revised) or less, there is no reservation, but the instructions provide that the SC/ST Officers who are senior enough in the zone of consideration for promotion so as to be within the number of vacancies for which the select list is to be drawn up, would be included in that list provided they are not considered unfit for promotion.